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SUBJECT: VOA COVERAGE OF PRC INTERNAL AFFAIRS

REF: A) HONG KONG 9032; B) STATE 173966

1. WE AGREE THAT EXISTING MECHANISMS FOR POLICY REVIEW OF ITEMS FILED BY VOA CORRESPONDENT HONG KONG SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED BY GETTING CONGEN INVOLVED IN "CENSORSHIP" OR "CLEARANCE".

2. PARA 4 REF. B PROMPTED IN PART BY VOA STATEMENT TO US DURING DISCUSSION HERE THAT SEEMED DESIGNED TO JUSTIFY STORIES FILED BY CORRESPONDENT ON GROUNDS THAT HE CONSULTS CLOSELY WITH CONGEN. WE WERE CONCERNED THAT ABSENCE OF ANY CONGEN MENTION OF PROBLEM ARISING FROM THINLY-VEILED VOA COMMENTARIES WOULD BE MISINTERPRETED BY VOA CORRESPONDENT ALONG "SILENCE GIVES CONSENT" LINES.

3. HOWEVER, WE WILL LEAVE MATTER TO YOUR DISCRETION.
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